

October 6, 2022

**Visa applicants who meet all six criteria below may be eligible to renew their visas by mail, without a visa interview:**

1. Normally reside in Gabon
2. Are physically present in Gabon
3. Already have a U.S. visa issued by U.S. Embassy Libreville that is valid or has expired within the last four years and wish to renew your visa of the **same** classification (e.g. a holder of a recently expired J visa may NOT renew and get a B1/B2 visa)
4. You have not been refused a visa within the last 12 months
5. Your visa and passport has not been lost, stolen or revoked and
6. Your prior visa was not annotated with "Clearance Received".

***J and F visa applicants only.*** In order to apply for a visa through the Interview Waiver Program, you must have the same SEVIS number as when the visa was originally issued.

***Gabonese citizens:*** When you complete your [visa application form](#), contact us at [USVisaLibreville@state.gov](mailto:USVisaLibreville@state.gov) and write "Interview Waiver" in the subject line. The Consular Officer will determine if you qualify for the Interview Waiver program. If qualified, the Nonimmigrant Visa Section will contact you via email with instructions on how to submit your passport, application, and related documents to the Embassy. This option is not available for applicants outside of Gabon or in overseas territories.

***Citizens of countries other than Gabon:*** When you complete your [visa application form](#), contact us at [USVisaLibreville@state.gov](mailto:USVisaLibreville@state.gov) and write "Interview Waiver" in the subject line. The Consular Officer will determine if you qualify for the Interview Waiver program. If qualified, the system will provide instructions on how to submit your payment, passport, application, and related documents to the Embassy. Eligible applicants who do not hold a Gabonese passport must submit a copy of their valid Gabonese residency card (carte de sejour) and may be required to pay a reciprocity fee in addition to the standard visa fee. To determine if a reciprocity fee is required for your application, go to the [reciprocity fee website](#) and select your country of nationality on the left, then select your visa category under

Visa Classifications to see if a fee is listed. The principal applicant of a Blanket L petition must pay an additional fraud prevention and detection fee of \$500 USD.

If your application requires an additional fee, you must pay the fee at the U.S. Embassy.

**Applicants are expected to bring exact change only. Failure to provide exact change may result in delays in processing.**

The U.S. Embassy Libreville can only accept a cash in US Dollars or CFA, though the [reciprocity fee website](#) lists fees in U.S. dollars. Therefore, the fees listed must be converted to CFA using the Current Consular Exchange Rate: **USD 1 = 700 CAF** >> For example, if your reciprocity fee is \$240, you will need to multiply this amount by 700 to get as a result 168,000 CAF;  $\$240 \times 700 = 168,000 \text{ CAF}$ .